



## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Designation for the Topeka, Kansas; Minot, North Dakota; Cincinnati, Ohio; Pocatello, Idaho; Evansville, Indiana; Salt Lake City, Utah; West Sacramento, California; Richmond, Virginia; and Savage, Minnesota Areas.**

**[DOC. NO. AMS-FGIS-18-0057]**

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing the designations of Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Kansas); Minot Grain Inspection, Inc. (Minot); Tri-State Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Tri-State); Idaho Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Idaho); Ohio Valley Grain Inspection, Inc. (Ohio Valley); Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (Utah); California Agri Inspection Co., Ltd. (Cal-Agri); Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Virginia); and State Grain Inspection, Inc. (State Grain) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended. The realignment of offices within the U.S. Department of Agriculture authorized by the Secretary's Memorandum dated November 14, 2017, eliminates the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) as a standalone agency. The grain inspection activities formerly part of GIPSA are now organized under AMS.

**DATES:** July 1, 2018

**ADDRESSES:** Jacob Thein, Compliance Officer, USDA, AMS, FGIS, QACD, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153

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**Read Applications:** All applications and comments are available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the May 25, 2018, *Federal Register* (83 FR 24273-24274), AMS requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by Kansas, Minot, Tri-State, Idaho, Ohio Valley, Utah, Cal-Agri, Virginia, and State Grain. Applications were due by June 25, 2018.

The current official agencies, Kansas, Minot, Tri-State, Idaho, Ohio Valley, Utah, Cal-Agri, Virginia, and State Grain, were the only applicants for designation to provide official services in these areas. As a result, AMS did not ask for additional comments.

AMS evaluated the designation criteria in section 7(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Kansas, Minot, Tri-State, Idaho, Ohio Valley, Utah, Cal-Agri, Virginia, and State Grain are qualified to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the *Federal Register* on May 25, 2018. The designations to provide official services in the specified areas of Kansas, Minot, and Tri-State are effective July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2023. The designations to provide official services in the specified areas of Idaho and Ohio Valley are effective October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2023. The designations to provide official services in the specified areas of Cal-Agri and Virginia are effective January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2023. The designation to provide official services in the specified area of Utah is effective October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2021. The designation to provide official services in the specified area of State Grain is effective January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2021.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting this agency at the following

telephone number:

Official Agency	Headquarters Location and Telephone	Designation Start	Designation End
Kansas	Topeka, KS.....785-233-7063	7/1/2018	6/30/2023
Minot	Minot, ND.....701-838-1734	7/1/2018	6/30/2023
Tri-State	Cincinnati, OH.....513-251-6571	7/1/2018	6/30/2023
Idaho	Pocatello, ID.....208-233-8303	10/1/2018	9/30/2023
Ohio Valley	Evansville, IN.....812-423-9010	10/1/2018	9/30/2023
Utah	Salt Lake City, UT.....801-392-2292	10/1/2018	9/30/2021
Cal-Agri	West Sacramento, CA.....916-374-9700	1/1/2019	12/31/2023
Virginia	Richmond, VA.....757-494-2455	1/1/2019	12/31/2023
State Grain	Savage, MN.....952-808-8566	1/1/2019	12/31/2021

Section 7(f) of the USGSA authorizes the Secretary to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services (7 U.S.C. 79 (f)).

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 71-87k.

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